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## Indiana Department of Environmental Management leads nation in Title V air permit response time

## U.S. EPA releases March 2016 list showing Indiana has no permit backlog

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Commissioner Carol S. Comer today announced IDEM's Office of Air Quality leads the nation in up-to-date Title V air permits. The agency currently has zero backlogged permits, as of December 31, 2015.

"I am proud of this accomplishment by IDEM's Office of Air Quality," said Commissioner Comer. "Current air permits are vital to economic development, and businesses need to know they can depend on Indiana to process permits efficiently for their development plans."

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) recently released its March 2016 list, "<u>Title V Renewal Backlog Rankings for Permitting Authorities with Greater than 100 Title V Sources.</u>" Title V air permits usually are issued for large, complex processes and must be renewed every five years.

A permit backlog indicates facilities are operating under an older permit until the updated permit is issued. An updated permit reflects the U.S. EPA's current standard for emissions and air quality status. Businesses that are expanding or considering a move to Indiana can be assured the permitting process is efficient, so projects remain on track.

## **About IDEM**

IDEM (<u>www.idem.IN.gov</u>) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environment.

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